

Dear Joe Martens, DEC, +
Gov. Cuomo:

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My comments about the DEC Draft Supplemental Generic EIS on fracking regulations can be summed up in five words:

EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW!

The stringent set back distance requirements in the draft sGEIS for drilling near the Syracuse and NYC watersheds need to be extended to the entire state of New York,

INCLUDING THE FINGERLAKES AND ALL THEIR COMBINED TRIBUTARIES, MEANING, THE ENTIRE FINGERLAKES WATERSHED.

ALL THESE LAKES, AND MANY OF THE FEEDER STREAMS SUCH AS OUR FALL CREEK and SIX MILE CREEK, ARE USED AS DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES, NOT TO MENTION THE FISH & WILDLIFE HABITAT, and RECREATION and TOURISM ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO OUR REGION!

So I Repeat:

EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW!

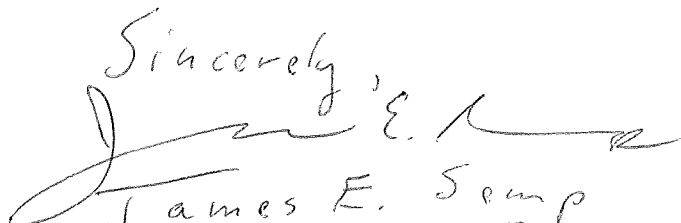
If stringent set backs are needed for Syracuse and NYC water supplies, they are needed for ALL of our water supply watersheds and wells!

YES! CAYUGA LAKE! YES! SENECA LAKE!
YES! CANANDAIGUA LAKE! YES! OWASCO LAKE!
YES! KEUKA LAKE! YES! OTISCO LAKE! YES! HONEYOYE AND
CANADICE AND HEMLOCK LAKES, AND EVERY DRINKING WATER
SUPPLY IN OUR GREAT STATE OF NEW YORK!

AGAIN: EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW!

THESE GROUNDS ALONE ARE ENOUGH TO PURSUE A FRACKING LAWSUIT AGAINST THE STATE OF NY ON THE BASIS OF THIS SIMPLE REASONING.

SIGN ME UP!

Sincerely,

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